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In re application of:

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For: POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL-DERIVATIZED BIOMOLECULES AND THEIR USE IN
HETEROGENEOUS DETECTION METHODS



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 22, 1999

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "one of the claims 1 or 2" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claims 6 and 7, line 1 of each, delete "one of the claims 3 to 5" and insert therefor
---claim 3--.

Claim 10, line 2, delete "or 9".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "or 9".

Claim 16, line 1, delete "one of the claims 14 or 15" and insert therefor --claim 14--.

Claim 24, line 2, delete "or 23".

Claim 25, line 1, delete "or 23".